Mother container ship from foreign countries in the Indian territorial water

1372. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Mother Container" ship from foreign countries are not permitted to enter the Indian Territorial Waters from trade, as a result India lose lot of trade to other smaller neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons and whether they will reconsider to lift this ban in view of the latest trade policies of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There is no such restriction tn foreign flag vessels to enter Indian territorial waters and call on Indian ports.

(b) Does not arise.

Corruption charges against some officers of MHA

1383. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Staff Side of the Office Council (JCM) of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Proper) have forwarded some complaints recently to the Union Home Secretary regarding corruption charges against some officers of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Proper) involving lakhs of rupees;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Govarnment thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) (a). Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are anonymous/pseudonymous complants pertaining to alleged irregularities in the purchase of stores. As per instructions issued by the Government no action is called for on such complaints. However, if such complaints contain some verifiable facts, action can be initiated at the discretion of the competent authorities.

***Stores items* purchased by Ministry of Home Affairs**

1374. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of stores items purchased by the Minister of Home Affairs (Proper) during the last three financial years,

(b) the source from which such purchases have been made; year-wise and source-wise;

(c) whether there are instructions of Government that stores items in Government Departments should be purchased from Kendriya Bhandar/Super Bazar only; and

(d) whether, while making such purchases the non-availablity Certificate, as required under the rules, was obtained from Kendriya Bhandar/Super Bazar in respect of each item?

THE MNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) (a) to (d) Like other Ministries and Departments of Government of India this Ministry make a large number of purchases of stores from big to small items every year. These are the usual purchases as per requirement of the Ministry and the items run into hundreds. As per Government instructions the articles are purchased mainly from the Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar. In Case the items are not available in these stores they may be obtained from co-operative stores and some items directly from the various distributors. Getting non-availability certificate is a time-consuming process and, depending upon the type of artcles their requirement and urgency, this Ministry make purchases from other sources without waiting for no objection certificate from the organisations mentioned above.